

House Resolution 478

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Hugley of the 133rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Sinkfield of the 60th, Chambers of the 81st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the National Foundation for Women Legislators, the National
2 Association of Attorneys General, and Liz Claiborne's "Love is Not Abuse" campaign; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) and the National
5 Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) have teamed up with Liz Claiborne Inc., for the
6 company's "Love is Not Abuse" campaign to raise awareness about the issue of teen dating
7 violence and develop solutions to this growing problem in America; and

8 WHEREAS, since 2004, Liz Claiborne has been a major supporter of intimate partner
9 violence education and has been providing resources to teachers and students on teen dating
10 abuse and violence awareness and prevention; and

11 WHEREAS, through its "Love is Not Abuse" campaign, Liz Claiborne provides information
12 and tools that men, women, children, and teens can use to learn about the issue of domestic
13 violence and ways to help end the epidemic; and

14 WHEREAS, NFWL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides a forum for
15 women legislators to be empowered through information and experience and holds annual
16 networking and educational events for women legislators from all levels; and

17 WHEREAS, founded in 1907 to assist attorneys general in providing high-quality legal
18 services to their states, NAAG fosters interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement
19 issues, conducts policy research and analysis of issues, and facilitates communication
20 between states' chief legal officers and all levels of government; and

21 WHEREAS, to assist Liz Claiborne's campaign against teen dating violence, the NFWL
22 sponsored a resolution encouraging women legislators from each state to call for local school

23 districts to implement a policy against teen dating violence and abuse and request these
24 schools to incorporate the issue in their current health education curriculum; and

25 WHEREAS, recent survey results reveal that one in five teenagers between the ages of 13
26 and 14 have friends that are victims of dating violence and one-half of those surveyed
27 responded that they know friends who are verbally abused; and

28 WHEREAS, the number of young adolescents who have experienced dating violence and
29 abuse is alarming and it is vital that the youth of Georgia and the nation learn not only how
30 to recognize such abuse, but also how to deal with these issues.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend the National Foundation for Women Legislators, the
33 National Association of Attorneys General, and Liz Claiborne Inc. for their efforts to educate
34 teenagers on dating violence and abuse and recognize these organizations for their efforts to
35 put an end to this growing problem in America.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Foundation for
38 Women Legislators, the National Association of Attorneys General, and Liz Clairborne Inc.